

Amendments to the claims:

Please amend claims 1-7, 10, 13 and 15 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method of providing images to remote sites a
2 ~~remote site~~, the method comprising:
3 sensing an image of a scene using an image sensor;
4 establishing a connection with the remote sites a ~~remote site~~;
5 transmitting the sensed image to the remote ~~sites~~ site, the sensed
6 image always including the entire sensible range of the image sensor all
7 ~~subimages that can be selected from the remote site~~;
8 receiving a selection of a subimage of the sensed image from each
9 of the remote sites ~~site~~;
10 generating subimages ~~the subimage~~ from the sensed image; and
11 transmitting the subimages ~~subimage~~ to the remote sites ~~site~~.
- 1 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising:
2 determining whether the remote sites ~~are~~ site is authorized to
3 receive images.
- 1 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising:
2 determining at least one of a priority level and an exclusivity level
3 of the remote sites ~~site~~.
- 1 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising:
2 determining whether a channel is available for transmitting the
3 subimages ~~subimage~~ to each of the remote sites ~~site~~.

- 1 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, comprising:
2 transmitting a message to a particular remote site ~~the remote site~~
3 asking whether the particular remote site is to receive the subimages transmitted
4 on a channel assigned to another remote site.
- 1 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating
2 the subimages ~~subimage~~ comprises:
3 generating a series of frames of each of the subimages ~~subimage~~.
- 1 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of
2 transmitting the subimages comprises:
3 transmitting the series of frames of each of the subimages
4 ~~subimage~~ to the remote sites ~~site~~.
- 1 8. (canceled).
- 1 9. (canceled).
- 1 10. (currently amended) A method of providing images to a plurality of
2 remote sites, the method comprising:
3 sensing an image of a scene using an image sensor;
4 establishing connections with the remote sites;
5 transmitting the sensed image to the remote sites, the sensed image
6 always including the entire sensible range of the image sensor ~~all subimages that~~
7 ~~can be selected from the remote sites~~;
8 receiving a selection of a subimage from each of ~~the~~ remote sites;
9 assigning each of the remote sites to a channel;
10 generating the subimage selected at each remote site; and
11 transmitting the subimages to their respective remote sites.
- 1 11. (original) The method of claim 10, comprising:
2 determining whether channels are available to transmit the
3 subimages to the remote sites.

1 12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of transmitting the
2 subimages comprises transmitting a series of frames of the subimages.

1 13. (currently amended) A method of displaying images at each of a plurality
2 of remote sites ~~a remote site~~, the method comprising:
3 establishing a connection with an image access system;
4 receiving a sensed image of a scene to be observed, the sensed
5 image always including the entire sensible range of the image sensor ~~all~~
6 ~~subimages that can be selected from the remote site~~;
7 displaying the sensed image;
8 selecting a subimage of the sensed image;
9 transmitting the selection of the subimage to the image access
10 system;
11 receiving the subimage from the image access system; and
12 displaying the subimage.

1 14. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of
2 selecting a subimage comprises:
3 panning through the sensed image; and
4 indicating a portion of the sensed image to be displayed.

1 15. (currently amended) An image access system comprising:
2 an image sensor for sensing an image; and
3 an image processing system operably coupled to the image sensor,
4 wherein the image processing system receives image data from the image sensor,
5 transmits the sensed image to remote sites, generates subimages of the sensed
6 image, and transmits subimages to the remote sites upon request by the remote
7 sites, the sensed image always including the entire sensible range of the image
8 sensor ~~all subimages that can be selected from the remote sites~~.

1 16. (original) The image access system of claim 15, wherein the image
2 processing system comprises:
3 a sensor control operably coupled to the image sensor, wherein the
4 sensor control receives the image data from the image sensor.

1 17. (original) The image access system of claim 16, wherein the image
2 processing system comprises:
3 an access control operably coupled to the sensor control and in
4 communication with the remote sites, wherein the access control controls access
5 of the remote sites to the image access system, the generating of subimages, and
6 the transmission of subimages to the remote sites.

1 18. (original) The image access system of claim 17, wherein the image
2 processing system comprises:
3 a processor operably coupled to the access control to receive
4 instructions from the access control, wherein the processor receives image data
5 from the sensor control and formats image data for transmission to the remote
6 sites.

1 19. (original) The image access system of claim 18, wherein the image
2 processing system comprises:
3 a frame buffer operably coupled to the sensor control and to the
4 processor, wherein the frame buffer receives image data from the sensor and
5 provides image data to the processor.

1 20. (canceled).

1 21. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, comprising:
2 transmitting a message to a particular remote site asking whether
3 the particular remote site is to receive subimages transmitted on a channel
4 assigned to another remote site.

- 1 22. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, comprising:
2 electing to receive subimages transmitted on a channel assigned to
3 another remote site in response to a message from the image access system.
- 1 23. (previously presented) The image access system of claim 15, wherein the
2 image processing system is configured to transmit a message to a particular
3 remote site asking whether the particular remote site is to receive subimages
4 transmitted on a channel assigned to another remote site.